

*Grahamstown*

The  
**South African Library for the Blind**  
GRAHAMSTOWN

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BRaille BOOKS  
MOON TYPE BOOKS  
MUSIC  
TALKING BOOK RECORDS

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**30th ANNUAL REPORT**

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*1st January, 1953—31st December, 1953.*

# The South African Library for the Blind.

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# THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

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The Annual Meeting of the South African Library for the Blind was held in St. George's Hall on May 18.

The Chairman, Mr. Espin, welcomed Bishop Fisher and some 70 people present. He thanked the Mayor, Mrs. Neville and the press for the publicity they had given the library work. He asked Miss Wood to read her report.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1953 COUNCIL

We regret that the Rev. C. W. Moore has resigned as he found it difficult to attend meetings. He proposed our good friend Miss Martha Emslie in his place.

Mrs. Knowling, too, felt obliged to resign. She had been a member for 17 years, following her sister, Miss Ethel Mullins, who was a foundation member, so we were exceedingly sorry to accept her resignation.

Mrs. Neville is now a member of the council. She has been very helpful in writing articles about the library. One in the Cape Argus a little time back, and now, at the Mayor's request one in the Rotary magazine.

Our auditors, Messrs. A. R. Whiteley and Company, have again given us most valuable help and we are very grateful to them.

## STAFF

The six members on the staff at present are: Miss Spurling and Mrs. Sherwood Watson, talking books; Mrs. Ingall, Miss Levick and Mrs. Graham (temporary) braille and moon books; Miss Espin bookkeeping and typing.

There is no doubt that working with our big books and records is very heavy work and to our great regret Mrs. Fernandez, who had been with us for five years resigned as she felt the work too great a strain.

At the end of March, Mrs. Laurie left to take up a full-time job. However, I am glad to say she is coming back to us shortly. Miss Patricia Kelly took her place for six months. We were delighted that Mrs. Ingall rejoined us on her return from England. We have had extra help from time to time from Mrs. Lombard, Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Lee.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Miss Ross who served so efficiently on the staff for two years until she returned to Scotland in 1949.

The acquisition of an addressograph is being a help and a saving of time to the staff.

## READERS

### (Braille and Moon Section)

There were 321 people reading during the year. Of these 40 were non-Europeans and 14 were juveniles. Five readers died during the year leaving 316. Braille Primers and Moon-made-easy were sent to twelve individuals, but we heard no more from them. We had 26 new readers.

From time to time we supplied books as requested to three schools, two in the Union and one in Southern Rhodesia. We also sent to three institutions.

## BOOKS

At the end of the year we had 14,889 volumes in stock, 234 volumes were discarded or lost. We bought 528 books from the N.I.B. We had 42 volumes from Worcester and of these 23 were Afrikaans.

Among books bought were history, biography, travel, poetry, psychology, and religion. We had Braille music old and new, knitting patterns, etc. Fiction predominated including some old favourites and many detective stories.

**Loan Books** (from the National Library, London) Some 50 of our readers have been using these and we pay 10/- per head. We have had a number of Moon type books and Braille books. In one case we borrowed a special book for a girl studying for her degree.

**Circulation:** 9,017 Braille and Moon volumes were circulated during the year and 7,689 magazines.

### FREE POSTAGE

At the Universal Postage Congress held in Brussels in 1952 it was agreed that articles marked "Literature for the Blind" should be transmissible free of postage in the inland and overseas service, but not by air mail. The Union Government came into line and this international agreement took effect from July 1, 1953. This is a great boon to us and will be a saving of about £100 a year. The readers are very pleased because often the buying and affixing of stamps is a trouble to them.

### POST OFFICE VANS

We are very grateful to the Post Master for allowing the post office vans to call at the library after their mid-morning clearance of the pillar boxes to fetch our loads of books and records. The van drivers are very obliging and Enoch is saved many a weary trip to the post office with a heavily laden wheelbarrow. This is a special boon in wet weather.

### PLASTIC BRAILLE

The first magazine with plastic braille contains Paul Gallico's "The Small Miracle" was sent by Sir Ian Fraser and Mr. Ronald Currey kindly brought it to us. Since then the N.I.B. have sent a dozen copies to send to readers with a questionnaire to find out how they like it. Most of them like the braille but find the paper curls up and would prefer the braille on stiffer paper.

## MUSIC

Mrs. Westall kindly comes once a week and gives voluntary and valuable help with the music records.

Antoinette Botha writes: "I can't tell you how very much it means to me to have these music records for the holidays. I wished I could play each one over again before returning them" Antoinette has passed her music exam at Worcester with honours and is now taking a three years' course at Stellenbosch for the Teacher's Diploma (piano and organ).

### BRAILLE READERS

Ursula Pfeffer is very happy to have successfully completed the course for the B.A. She writes gratefully about the help given by the library in getting her books needed for her studies. Mrs. Gladys Evans has returned from England with her guide dog. She says: "Sheena is a real joy, we go everywhere together now and I am really independent again. She has made all the difference to my life and I am very happy."

Hamilton Menta, instructor at the Ethembeni Blind Training Centre, New Brighton, is the first blind African to be elected a member of the New Brighton Native Location Advisory Board. One is glad to record a happy gesture made by Hamilton Menta and the members of the blind training school in giving a Native name to their benefactress, Mrs. Mildred Marks, "Noluthando" meaning "she who lives and works for others."

### LETTERS

One reader wrote for back numbers of English magazines for a blind man in Czechoslovakia with whom she corresponds. This man is trying to earn a living by giving private lessons in foreign languages. He has difficulty in getting reading matter in English. The same reader has been collecting special coronation

stamps from the other parts of the Commonwealth and had got them from eight different countries.

One reader asks for two of Churchill's books. She is specially interested because she was in the crowd that heard Churchill make a speech in front of the Durban Town Hall after he had escaped as a prisoner of war. She says, "Although I was quite young at the time, I can distinctly picture a very young man covered with coal dust on a soap box and clearly heard him say in the course of his speech that he intended to become Prime Minister of England."

Another reader says, "Unless a novel is outstandingly good, as for instance those of Dickens (my favourite novelist) I would rather not read it at all. Of course yarns like those of R.L.S. are always a treat. Therefore, I often prefer books of travel, popular science and matters of general interest. You might also send some Afrikaans books."

One man mentions the struggle he had to learn braille twenty years ago and is so grateful for "the beautiful braille books to be had free for the asking." He adds, "I have spent some of the happiest hours of my life with my braille books."

### TRANSCRIBERS

We are very grateful to those who spend so much time doing books for us. Miss Marjorie Watson continues her splendid work, copying worn books, proof reading and teaching. She has ten pupils, some of whom have passed their tests and are transcribing books. Miss Cunningham has three pupils.

Miss Canning: "Victory," Conrad (5 volumes); "Randall and the River of Time," Forrester (4 volumes); "Coroner's Pidgin," Allingham (4 vols.); "Round my Library Fire," Torrens (4 vols.); "A Man Called

Peter," Marshall (4 vols.); "The Hinges Creaked," Rosenthal (3 vols.); This completes Miss Canning's 200th volume for the library.

Miss Craig: "Ventures to the Interior," L. van der Post (4 vols);

Mrs. H. Hall: "Dumb Witness," Christie (3 vols.); "Tea with Mr. Rochester F. Towers" (3 vols.);

Mrs. Murray: "God so Loved the World," E. Goudge (5 vols.); "Lord Edgware Dies," Christie (3 vols.); "Burning Court," Dickson Carr (4 vols.); "Peeps at Many Lands," Talbot Kelly (second volume only); "Jennie," Paul Gallico (4 vols.)

Mrs. D. Smith: "Trio," Maugham (1 vol.).

Miss Steinhobel: "Round the Bend," N. Shute (6 vols.); "Life of Elizabeth Fry," K. Barne (3 vols.);

Mr. Gunn: "The Small Miracle," Paul Gallico (1 vol.).

Mrs. Nieuwoudt: "Groen Koring," T. du Toit (6 vols); "Barabbas," H. Weiss (2 vols.).

Miss B. Schutte: "Die Verste Blou Berge," F. Steyn (5 vols.); "Die Moord op Boontjieskloof," I. Terblank (3 vols.).

Miss I. van Dorsten: "Die Geheime Soektog," P. Radinan (2 vols.)

Guild of Church Braillists: "Christian Faith and Practice," Hodgson (3 vols.); "Kings Highway," Carleton (4 vols.).

### TALKING BOOK DEPARTMENT

This department scored when the flat was converted for library use. It is more convenient for the staff to work in and an opening made between the two flats makes it easier for moving the records to from the lift besides making the rooms more airy.

**Readers:** 170 Readers received records during the year. Fifteen readers gave up reading for various reasons, but 47 new readers joined the library. Seven readers died. By



the end of December 1953, there were 148 readers using the records.

During the year 66,784 records were circulated, being an increase of 4,337 over the previous year.

The total number of records owned by the library is 16,688, that is 1,144 books. In addition we had 57 copies in 663 records of the Reader's Digest. These are eventually returned to America to be repulped.

Among the new books bought were: "The Years of Endurance," Arthur Bryant; "A King's Story," H.R.H. the Duke of Windsor; "The Life of Mahatma Gandhi," Louis Fischer; "The Life of Conan Doyle," J. Dickson Carr; "The Cruel Sea," N. Monsarrat; "Mr. Midshipman Hornblower," C. S. Forester.

The library incurs considerable expense in replacing odd records damaged by readers. In many cases this damage could be avoided by the careful reading of instructions. It is very important that the needle should be changed at the time stated on the post card, not earlier or later. The staff do all in their power to preserve the records and look for the co-operation of readers.

**Machines:** We bought 36 new machines, 5 being battery sets. One machine was left to us by a reader who died. Forty-seven machines were issued to readers.

The National Institute for the Blind, London, report says there are 1,000 blind in England awaiting machines and we, too, have blind people on the waiting list. We appeal to any of our readers not really using their machines to return them to us, so that others may have the use of them. It must be noted that Talking Book Machines are made at special rates and are imported freight and customs free because they are for Talking Books records for the blind. They must be used for no other pur-

pose, nor must they be sold to sighted people.

I quote what some of the readers say of the Talking Book Service: One says, "I cannot express my gratitude in words for the wonderful hours of sheer joy this machine has afforded me." Another, "Thank you so much for the delightful books you have sent. I have enjoyed them all and many of them I have read twice over." Another says, "I must congratulate you on the punctuality with which my books arrive and also in general the recording companies who record these fine books." Another writes, "Thank you so much for the books you have chosen. I am very grateful for them. This wonderful reading machine has made me very independent."

### BUILDING EXTENSION

Early in the year we were able to get the last flat altered and called for tenders for shelving and accepted one for wooden shelves for £250. (The other tender received was for steel shelves and was for £800). We soon realised that it would not be long before we needed more room for our books and had to consider how to extend. Mr. Owen Eaton drew plans for a large one-room extension at the back of the library with a covered way to connect it with the present building. The plan allows for a second storey being added at some future date. The lowest tender was £3,446 and was accepted. This amount does not include shelving. The foundations were dug at the end of the year.

We are grateful to several people who have made contributions to the building fund, and to the architect for special help.

### GRANTS

We have received a Government grant from the Department of Education, Science and Arts. We have also

had grants from the Provinces, from three Divisional Councils, twenty-one Municipalities and from St. Dunstan's.

Some of the Municipalities, including Grahamstown have increased their grants. Several new Societies have contributed to our funds and some have increased their contributions.

The Grahamstown street collection was arranged by Miss Spurling.

### GIFTS AND OTHER HELP

The Mayor has done all in his power to help us. He has specially interested Rotary in our work. In addition he made appeals for us on the three nights of a Vaudeville entertainment arranged by Mr. Bernstein and other Rhodes students at the Odeon. Collecting boxes and sale of programmes brought in £66 17/6 for our building fund. The Manager of the Odeon was most helpful.

The Rhodes students of St. Mary's and Oriel halls sent us £8 4s. 3d. Miss L. Mullins again made rosettes sold by the prefects at St. Andrew's College sports for £16 10s. (a record).

Macdonald House, V.G.H.S., gave a delightful entertainment for our benefit. The girls arranged plays, dances and songs and the evening finished up with a play about the library. As a result we received a cheque for £40 (another record).

Other schools that sent contributions were Burt House, Girls High School, Queenstown; Barnato Park High School, Johannesburg, and Strong House, D.S.G., Grahamstown.

Collection Boxes in Public Libraries have brought us in a substantial sum. This year Pretoria State Library headed the list with £18 9s. 10d., Port Elizabeth came next with £12 14s. 6d. and Aliwal North and Kingwilliams-town have each sent over £10.

We record our thanks for all this help and also to many public and private donors for their contributions, also for special help given us by the

Eastern Province Guardian Loan, the Standard Bank, the Press especially Grocott's Daily Mail, the Post Office officials who handle thousands of our books, records, cards and letters; the Round Table for allotting us space at the Hobbies Exhibition. We are grateful, too, to the Union Castle Company who kindly brought out many cases of Talking Book Machines and 5 cwt. of Braille paper freight free, a very great help.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The 1953 accounts will be posted to you shortly and I do not propose to comment on them now, but I wish to give you a brief review of our finances during the last five years and tell you what our prospects are for the future.

During the War years we were not able to spend much on the purchase of books and equipment with the result that we gradually accumulated funds so that at the end of 1948 our cash and investments amounted to just under £6,000.

During the five years ended December 31, 1953, our ordinary revenue from subscriptions and donations, Government, Provincial, Divisional and Municipal grants, rents and interest on investments exceeded our ordinary running expenses by roughly £3,000. In addition, we received from special gifts and bequests just over £2,000. A total of slightly more than £5,000. "During this period we spent on books, talking books, shelving and equipment generally, slightly under £5,000, so that at the end of 1953 our investments and cash amounted in round figures to £6,000.

"We realised, however, that in spite of having taken over the two upstairs flats for library purposes, we should be soon pressed for space to keep the books and records we have to purchase continually in or-

der to maintain the efficiency of the library, so we decided to extend the building in order to provide more storage capacity.

"This extension is now nearly completed and by the time we have fitted it with shelving it will have cost us about £5,500, thus absorbing almost the whole of the cash and investments at the end of 1953.

"And now for the future. We shall now no longer have any income from the rental of Flats or from interest on investments while our running expenses are more likely to increase than decrease. This means that in order to provide sufficient money for the continued purchase of books and records and, if possible, to build up a fund for future extension of our building we must endeavour to increase the number of our subscribers and obtain increased grants from the Government and other public bodies.

"We shall, therefore, be grateful if you, who have so generously supported us in the past, will not only continue to assist us but will endeavour to persuade some of your friends to join the ranks of our regular subscribers."

Mr. Espin then called on Bishop Fisher to speak to us. He was well known to us and needed no introduction.

Bishop Fisher was impressed by the progress made in the library since he had visited it five years ago. He paid tribute to the work done by Miss Wood and her staff, and to the pleasure they brought to the blind, who could get some of the best literature available as well as detective stories, novels and magazines including the Reader's Digest. The library extension was in progress and money would be needed for its completion and for the shelving and the books to stock it. He appealed for voluntary subscribers and said anyone could help regardless of religion or politics. He hoped people would give promptly and avoid the "paralysis of procrastination." In days to come when Braille books are produced in the African languages, those, too, would have to be added. This is a great work which we can all help and advertise what is being done and what is still to be done.





# SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, GIFTS.

From 1st JANUARY to 31st DECEMBER, 1953.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Adams, T. S. Esq. ....	2	2	0	Bentley, Mrs. ....	1	0	0
Addleson, A. Esq. ....	1	1	0	Bernard, Mrs. A. (in memory of Mrs. Hulston)....	1	1	0
Adendorff, Mr. J. C. ....	1	10	0	Bernard, Mr. & Mrs. (in memory of Mr. J. B. Weir-Mason) ....	1	1	0
African & European Invest- ment Co., Ltd. ....	10	10	0	Bond, Mrs. Bevis (2 years)	10	0	0
African Explosives & Chemi- cal Industries, Ltd. ....	10	10	0	Bosman, Mrs. ....	1	0	0
African Oxygen & Acetylene (Pty.) Ltd. ....	2	2	0	Bostock, Major ....	1	1	0
Allanson, Mrs. ....	2	2	0	Bourgstein, Mr. J. ....	2	12	0
Allen, Mrs. J. M. ....	1	2	0	Bowen, Sessel & Goudvis ....	3	3	0
Alliance Building Society ....	5	5	0	Bradley, G. M. Esq. (in memory of Sir Mon- tague Bradley) ....	1	1	0
Anderson, J. D. Esq. ....	1	1	0	Breese, Mrs. (Scotland) ....	1	1	0
Anglo American Corp. of S.A. Ltd. ....	10	10	0	Brevis, Mr. P. G. ....	10	0	0
Anglo-Transvaal Cons. In- vestment Co. Ltd. ....	10	10	0	Brevis, Mr. & Mrs. ....	3	3	0
Anon ....	10	0	0	Brunsdon, Miss S. E. ....	2	0	0
Anon (Alice) ....	1	1	0	Burnett, Mrs. Helen ....	2	2	0
Anon (per Miss V. M. Gleaves) ....	6	6	6	Buytenhek, Mr. & Mrs. ....	2	1	0
Anon (Grahamstown) ....	5	0	0	Bye, Mrs. ....	1	1	0
Anon (per Mrs. Kannemeyer)	2	2	6	Callan, Mrs. D. G. ....	1	1	0
Anon (Visitor) ....	1	0	0	Caltex (Africa) Ltd. ....	5	5	0
Anon (in memory of B.A.S.)	18	0	0	Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. E. D.	2	2	0
Anon (X) ....	1	1	0	Canning, Miss ....	1	1	0
Anti-Waste Committee ....	5	5	0	Cape Argus ....	5	0	0
Apex Mines, Ltd. ....	2	2	0	Cape Times, Ltd. ....	10	0	0
Arderne, Scott, Timbers, Ltd.	2	2	0	Carrick, Mrs. ....	1	0	0
Armstrong, Mr. & Mrs. Peter	1	1	6	Central News Agency, Ltd.	5	5	0
Askelan, Miss ....	2	0	0	Clydesdale (Tvl.) Collieries, Ltd. ....	3	3	0
Atmore, Mrs. ....	1	0	0	Cockerton, Mrs. ....	3	3	0
Aucamp, Miss C. ....	1	1	0	Coetzee, Miss Renzie ....	1	0	0
Auld, Miss ....	10	0	0	Connock's S.A. Motor Co., Ltd. ....	5	0	0
Ayliff, Miss Rose ....	5	0	0	Cooper, Mrs. ....	4	2	6
Bakewell, Mrs. ....	1	1	0	Corlett (Pty.) Ltd., Messrs. D. F. ....	5	0	0
Bamford & Athol Frank ....	1	1	0	Crowe, L. J. Esq. ....	6	10	0
Barclay's Bank (D.C.&O.)....	10	10	0	Creswick, Mrs. ....	2	0	0
Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. H. R. ....	2	2	0	Cuthbert & Co. W. M. Ltd.	10	10	0
Barrow, John (Pty.) ....	1	1	0	Davies & Co., Ltd. Hubert....	2	2	0
Bateman, Edw. L. Ltd. ....	5	0	0	De Beers Cons. Mines Ltd....	25	0	0
Baylcy, Miss Mabel ....	2	1	0	de Kock, Mrs. ....	1	1	0
Bean, G. P. Esq. ....	13	0	0	de Wyn, Miss W. ....	1	0	0
Beatty, G. H. Esq. ....	5	5	6	Dix, E. F. Esq. ....	5	0	0
Bell-John, Mrs. ....	1	1	6				
Bennett, Mrs. ....	1	1	0				

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dixon, Mrs. W. G. (interest from W. Gordon Dixon Trust Fund ....	5	6	0	Goldring, Mrs. ....		10	0
Douglas, A. Esq. ....	1	1	0	Gordon, Peter, Esq. ....		10	0
Douglas, Low & Co. ....	1	1	0	Goss, Mrs. ....	1	0	0
Dumbleton, Mrs. ....	15	0		Graham, Miss E. ....		10	0
Duncan, Mrs. ....	10	6		Graham, Mrs. F. ....	1	0	0
Dunn, Mr. F. T. ....	3	3	0	Graham, Mrs. M. ....	1	0	0
Durban Board of Executors & Trust Co., Ltd. ....	50	0	0	Grahamstown Building Soc. ....	1	1	0
Durkin, Mrs. ....	1	0	0	Grant, Mrs. St. J. ....	2	2	0
E.P. Guardian Co. ....	15	0	0	Greaterman's Wholesale, Ltd. ....	3	3	0
Ebsworth, Mrs. B. (in memory of Mrs. Moberly) ....	7	6		Grosse, Mrs. & Miss ....	1	3	0
Eccles, Mrs. V. M. ....	1	1	6	Guard, Miss C. (in memory of, from 10 of her friends) ....	5	5	0
Elephant Trading (S.A.) Holdings ....	1	1	0	Gunn, R. F. Esq. ....		10	0
Emslie, Miss. M. (for Building Fund) ....	5	0	0	Gush, Mrs. I. N. (in memory of the late E. W. Gush) ....	1	1	0
Erasmus, Miss B. ....	10	0	0	Hall, Hhe Misses ....	2	0	6
Espin, C. E. Esq. ....	1	0	0	Halsey, B. Esq. ....	10	10	0
Etheridge, The Rt. Rev. Bishop ....	1	1	0	Harland, Miss M. L. ....	1	0	0
Evans & Co. Messrs Herbert Farrer, E. Esq. ....	10	0	6	Hay, Errol Esq. ....	3	3	0
Farwell, Miss E. D. M. ....	1	0	0	Hayton, Mrs. ....	1	0	6
Fearon, F. St. C. Esq. ....	1	1	0	Henwoods, Ltd. ....	5	5	0
Federated Employers Mutual Assurance Co. ....	3	3	0	Herbst, Miss B. ....		10	0
Fellows, Major ....	5	0	0	Hertzog, Mrs. A. ....	2	2	0
Ferrier, Mr. H. A. ....	1	1	0	Hewitt, Dr. & Mrs. ....	1	1	0
Fisher, Rt. Rev. Bishop ....	1	1	0	Hill, Mrs. F. ....		10	0
Fisher, Mrs. ....	1	1	0	Hoets, Jon Esq. ....	3	3	0
Fitzgerald, Mrs. ....	1	0	0	Hoexter, The Hon. Mr. Justice ....	2	2	0
Flanagan, P. L. Esq. ....	2	2	0	Holliday, Mrs. O. ....	1	0	0
Ford, Miss, M. S. ....	5	10	0	Holyoake, Miss M. ....	1	0	0
Fowler, Miss R. (England)....	1	0	0	Hooie, Mrs. T. ....	1	0	0
Fraser, Mrs. ....	1	0	0	Howell, Mrs. ....	2	2	0
Friede, Mrs. H. ....	2	2	0	Hullah, Mr. & Mrs. (England) ....	2	0	0
Friel, B. N. Esq. ....	1	1	6	Hunt, Leuchers & Hepburn, Ltd. ....	1	1	0
Gant, Mr. & Mrs. ....	1	1	0	Immerman, Mr. A. ....		10	0
Gard, Mr. A. ....	2	1	0	Impey, Mr. & Mrs. B. H. ....	2	2	6
Garlick, Ltd. ....	1	1	0	Impey, W. H. Esq. ....	1	1	0
Garnett, Mrs. ....	1	0	0	Inglis, Mrs. ....	3	17	0
General Mining & Finance Corp. ....	10	10	0	Inglis, Miss J. V. ....	1	1	0
Glickman, Mrs. G. ....	10	6		Jackson, Mrs. Gertrude ....		3	0
Godlonton, M. G., Esq. (in memory of D'Urban Godlonton, Lt. S.A.A.F. 12.8.44) ....	10	0	0	Jagger & Co., Messrs. J. W. Jennett, The Hon. Mr. Justice Johannesburg Cons. Investment Co., Ltd. (Barnato Group) ....	10	10	0
				Johnson, Mrs. L. ....		5	0
				Johnstone & Co., W. F. ....	5	5	0
				Jones, Miss Winifred ....	1	0	0
				Jukes, Miss M. K. ....	1	1	0

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Kahn, Mr. S. ....	18	6		Orr, John & Co. ....	5	5	0
Kelscy, Mrs. M. A. ....	6	6		Ossher( Mr. & Mrs. ....	1	1	0
Kenyon & Bracey, Mesdames (in memory of E. F. Marillier) ....	10	6		Palframann, Mrs. ....	1	13	0
Kidd, Mrs. Driver ....	1	1	0	Piderit, Mrs. ....	2	0	0
Kidger, C. E. Esq. ....	2	2	0	Princee, Mr. Vernon ....	10	6	
King, Mr. T. D. ....	1	0	0	Princee, Mr. W. H. ....	1	10	0
Lang, Miss D. ....	10	0		Putterill, Mrs. ....	1	1	0
Leach-Smith, Miss ....	1	1	0	Rand Daily Mail, Ltd. ....	10	0	0
Leach-Smith, Mrs. ....	3	0	0	Randles Bros. & Hudson, Ltd. ....	5	5	0
Leake, C. H. Esq. ....	1	1	0	Rand Mines Ltd. ....	10	10	0
Legg, Miss M. R. ....	1	1	0	Rand Provident Building Soc. ....	5	5	0
Lennon, Ltd. ....	2	2	0	Ratsey, Mrs. ....	1	1	0
Leviser, Mrs. S. ....	1	3	2	Reeler, Mrs. ....	1	1	0
Lilford, A. Esq. ....	1	1	0	Refund (Transcriber) ....	2	10	0
Lippert, Miss A. ....	1	0	0	Reynolds, The Hon. Mr. Justice ....	10	10	0
Love, J. McG. Esq. ....	10	0	0	Rhodes Students, per Mr. J. Bernstein (for Building Fund) ....	66	17	6
MaeHutcheon, Mrs. ....	2	0	0	Rhodes Students, Oriel & St. Mary's Halls ....	8	4	3
Mackinnon, Mrs. ....	10	0		Robb, Mr. D. ....	8	0	
Malberbe, Miss W. ....	2	0		Robins, Mrs. ....	1	0	0
Mardall, Mrs. ....	1	1	0	Robinson, Mr. E. ....	3	6	
Marillier, The Misses (in memory of E. F. Marillier) ....	10	0		Rooiberg Minerals Develop- ment Co., Ltd. ....	2	2	0
Marks, Mr. Albert E. ....	1	1	0	Rousseau, Professor I. J. (in memory of Karin) ....	10	6	
Mason, Mr. R. H. ....	13	4	6	Ruxton, Mrs. ....	5	0	0
Masters, Mr. R. E. ....	1	0	0	Sehermbrueker, G. S. Esq. ....	5	0	
Matthew, H. M. Esq. ....	1	0	0	Sehrire, Mrs. R. ....	10	10	0
Matthews, Mrs. J. E. ....	1	0	0	Schweitzer, Dr. ....	8	8	0
McCullough, Miss W. M. ....	10	1	0	Seeligsohn, P. G. Esq. ....	2	1	6
McKenna, Major J. W. ....	1	1	0	Shell Co. of S.A. ....	5	5	0
Metrowieh, F. C. Esq. ....	1	1	0	Skrine, Mrs. ....	1	1	0
Meyer, Mrs. ....	4	6		Sleading & Tidmarsh, The Misses ....	1	1	0
Molony, Mrs. E. G. (in memory of Mrs. Logan) ....	10	6		Smith, A. N. Esq. ....	2	2	0
Mosenthals, Ltd ....	3	3	0	Smith, Mrs. Diana ....	10	0	
Moodie, Mrs. Oliver ....	1	0	0	Smith, Mr. F. S. ....	1	0	0
Mullins, Miss L. (sale of rosettes) ....	16	10	0	Smith, H. H. Esq. (in memory of E. F. Marillier) ....	10	6	
Neale, Mrs. ....	1	0	0	Smith, Miss Janet ....	1	1	6
Neely, Mrs. T. R. (England) New Consolidated Goldfields Ltd. ....	5	0		South African & General In- vestment & Trust Co., Ltd. ....	2	2	0
Nicholas, D. L. Esq. ....	1	0	0	South African Druggists ....	10	10	0
O'Brien, Mrs. ....	2	0	0	S.A. General Electric Co., Ltd. ....	5	5	0
Ohlsson's Cape Breweries Ltd. ....	2	2	0	Southey, G. C. Esq. ....	10	0	0
O.K. Bazaars (1929) Ltd. ....	5	5	0				
Ommaney, Mrs. ....	1	1	6				
Orpen, Mrs. ....	5	5	0				

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Spilhaus & Co., Ltd. ....	1	1	0	Waldorf, Ltd. ....	1	1	0
Spreckley, Mrs. ....	3	3	0	Warren, Mrs. ....	5	3	0
Sprigg, Miss J. ....	10	0	0	White, B. E. B. Esq. ....	2	2	0
Standard Bank of S.A. Ltd. ....	10	10	0	White, Mrs. J. (England) ....	10	0	0
Stander, Miss Bertha ....	10	0	0	Whiteley, P. Esq. ....	5	5	0
Stanley Motors, Ltd. ....	3	3	0	Wiles, C. C. Esq. (two years) ....	1	0	0
Star ....	10	10	0	Willmott, Miss F. M. ....	10	0	0
Stephen, Mrs. ....	7	3	0	Winlaw, The Rev. G. P. K. ....	2	2	0
Stewarts & Lloyds, Ltd. ....	25	0	0	Winnett, Mr. Harold ....	10	0	0
Strachan, Mrs. ....	2	1	6	Winter-Moore, Mrs. (in lov- ing memory of Chrissie Guard) ....	1	1	0
Strachan, Mrs. (Building Fund) ....	5	0	0	Wood, Miss B. C. ....	1	1	0
Strathmore Management, Ltd. ....	2	2	0	Wood, Mrs. Henry ....	1	1	6
Stubbs, Miss Ivy ....	10	0	0	Wood, W. H. Esq. ....	1	11	0
Stuttaford & Co., Ltd. ....	1	1	0	Woodhouse, Mrs. ....	2	2	0
Sutherst, Walter, F. Esq. ....	2	2	0	Worthington, Miss V. E. ....	2	0	0
Syfret's Trust Co., Ltd. ....	5	5	0	Wright, Mrs. Milburn ....	2	0	0
Symes, Miss Page- ....	10	0	0				
Tame, Mrs. ....	2	0	0	<b>Schools</b>			
Taylor, Mrs. A. A. ....	5	0	0	Burt House, Girls' High Sch. Queenstown ....	1	0	0
Thatcher, Miss A. ....	1	10	0	Johannesburg High School for Girls, Barnato Park	3	3	0
Thomas, Mrs. Oakley ....	1	17	9	Strong House, D.S.G. ....	1	18	6
Thomas, Mrs. Oakley (in memory of Mrs. Hulston) ....	1	1	6	V.G.H.S. (Macdonald House) proceeds of entertainment	40	0	0
Thomas, Wm. Esq. ....	6	0	0				
Thompson, Dr. ....	1	0	0	<b>Street Collections</b>			
Thompson, Mrs. E. E. ....	2	5	7	Grahamstown ....	55	10	0
Thompson, James, Ltd. ....	2	2	0				
Thomson, Mrs. S. ....	3	3	0	<b>Societies</b>			
Thrupp & Co. Messrs. ....	3	3	0	Eastern Areas Sub-District Bowling Association ...	8	5	0
Trustees, Charles James (Lilleshall) Trust ....	21	0	0	East London Branch N.H.R.U. ....	1	12	0
Twine, Mr. P. J. ....	10	0	0	East London Civilian Blind Society ....	7	0	0
Unger, Estate of the late F. F. A. Unger, Esq. ....	5	5	0	Gwatyn-Bolotwa Workers ...	20	0	0
Union-Castle Mail S.S. Co. Ltd. ....	2	2	0	Johannesburg Civilian Blind Society ....	10	10	0
Union Corporation, Ltd. ....	20	0	0	Luipaardsvlei Mines Ladies' Charities ....	5	0	0
United Building Society ....	15	0	0	Methodist Women's Auxiliary (Grahamstown) ....	1	1	0
Vacuum Oil Co. of S.A. Ltd. ....	5	5	0	Queenstown Toymakers ...	15	0	0
Van der Linde, Mr. J. H. ....	1	0	0	St. Dunstan's (S.A.) ....	100	0	0
Van der Walt, Mr. J. ....	1	0	0	Staff, Stores Dept., Randfon- tein Estates ....	3	19	0
Van Niekerk, Mr. C. W. ....	10	0	0	Trinity Church Women's Assoc. (Senior) ....	1	1	0
Van Velden, Mr. A. C. ....	1	1	0				
Venter, Mr. E. ....	1	0	0				
Vernal, F. Esq. ....	1	1	0				
Vincent, Mrs. ....	2	2	0				
Viney, A. D. Esq. ....	2	2	0				
Von Klemperer, Mr. F. ....	1	0	0				

	£	s.	d.
Union of Jewish Women of S.A. ....	1	1	0

#### Public Libraries & other Collecting Boxes

Adelaide ....	14	6	
Aliwal North ....	10	4	3
Bannerman House ....	6	6	0
Barberton ....	6	0	
Benoni ....	4	3	9
Bloemfontein ....	2	10	0
Boksburg ....	5	7	6
Colesburg ....	16	0	
East London ....	3	4	0
Grahamstown ....	3	13	6
Hermanus ....	1	10	0
Kimberley ....	2	2	0
King William's Town ....	10	4	0
Kokstad ....	1	1	0
Ladysmith (Natal) ....	5	0	
Malmesbury ....	1	7	6
Middelburg (Cape) ....	3	0	0
Oudtshoorn ....	1	6	0
Pietermaritzburg ....	1	6	6
Port Alfred ....	1	11	0
Port Elizabeth ....	12	14	6
Pretoria ....	18	9	10
Rondebosch ....	2	0	0
Simonstown ....	7	0	
Umtata ....	7	6	
Wellington ....	2	0	0
Willowvale ....	2	4	6
Witbank Club ....	2	0	0
Wynberg ....	3	8	3
	£1,333	9	7

#### Divisional Councils

Albany ....	10	0	0
East London ....	10	0	0
Port Elizabeth ....	15	0	0
	£35	0	0

#### Provincial Councils, Grants-in-Aid

	£	s.	d.
Cape Province ....	300	0	0
Natal (see Dept. of Education, Arts & Science) ....			
Orange Free State ....	35	0	0
Transvaal ....	150	0	0
	£485	0	0

#### Dept. of Education, Arts & Science

Dept. of Education, Arts and Science (includes £50 for Natal Province) ....	250	0	0
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#### Municipalities

Beaufort West ....	2	0	0
Benoni ....	10	0	0
Brakpan ....	10	0	0
Cradock ....	5	0	0
George ....	2	2	0
Germiston ....	5	0	0
Graaff-Reinet ....	10	0	0
Grahamstown ....	25	0	0
Johannesburg ....	25	0	0
Klerksdorp ....	25	0	0
Knysna ....	1	1	0
Paarl ....	5	5	0
Parow ....	5	0	0
Queenstown ....	2	2	0
Roodepoort ....	5	0	0
Simon's Town ....	5	0	0
Somerset West ....	3	0	0
Springs ....	25	0	0
Swellendam ....	1	1	0
Uitenhage ....	10	0	0
Vereeniging ....	10	0	0
	£191	11	0



Provident Fund for the S.A. Library for the Blind

	£	s.	d.
Strachen, Mrs. ....	3	0	0

Bequests

	£	s.	d.
1924 Bannerman Bequest ....	1500	0	0
1930 Carnegie Corporation Grant ....	1200	0	0
1933 Helen Robertson Bequest ....	10	0	0
Ellen Wisely Bequest ....	50	0	0
1936 Carnegie Corporation Grant ....	1000	0	0
1937 Bequest, R. H. Struben, Esq. ....	250	0	0
1938 Bequest, E. W. Howard, Esq. ....	250	0	0
Bequest, H. E. R. Sherry, Esq. ....	50	0	0
1939 Bequest, Dr. H. E. H. Oakley ....	250	0	0
Bequest, Robert Godlonton, Esq. ....	500	0	0
1941 Bequest, E. W. Howard, Esq. ....	50	0	0
1943 Ross Bequest ....	283	7	4
1944 Bequest, Miss J. McPherson ....	25	0	0
1945 Bequest, W. Herley, Esq. ....	10	0	0
1947 Bequest, H. J. King, Esq. ....	417	18	9
Bequest, Geo. Game, Esq. ....	500	0	0
1949 C. F. King, Esq. ....	250	0	0
1950 C. G. H. Skead, Esq. ....	100	0	0
D. J. Smith, Esq. ....	100	0	0
Mrs. J. C. Vernal ....	100	0	0
1951 Mrs. J. H. Paddon ....	100	0	0
1952 S. Thomson, Esq. ....	200	0	0

## RULES

1. The books are lent free of charge.
2. The books go by post free to any part of the Union. Books must not be sent by rail.
3. Readers are requested to send a list of books required, and to return each volume as soon as read.
4. A volume may be kept for one month unless needed for study, when, with the permission of the Librarian, it may be kept for a longer period.
5. Readers are asked not to keep magazines or knitting patterns, but to return each one with the book with which it is sent.
6. Readers are begged to take great care of the books, to keep them clean and free from damp, and not to turn down pages.
7. Canvas covers, cardboard covers or strong paper and string are used for packing the books. Readers should pack the books carefully in these for return postage.
8. Readers are begged to let the Librarian know at once of any change of address.
9. Any infectious or contagious illness shall **at once** be notified to the Librarian.
10. Anyone wanting to borrow books should send a letter of reference from a J.P., a clergyman or other well-known person acquainted with them.
11. All letters referring to books, Braille paper, etc., should be addressed to:

THE SECRETARY,

South African Library for the Blind,

Grahamstown.

# THE SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND, GRAHAMSTOWN.

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
DEVELOPMENT FUND		FIXED PROPERTY:	
	1,340 0 0	As at 31st December, 1952	2,718 0 0
STAFF PROVIDENT FUND		Less Depreciation at 1% p.a.	27 0 0
As at 31st December, 1952	2,235 6 4		2,691 0 0
Special Donation	3 0 0	BDDKS AND CASES:	
Contributions	100 0 0	As at 31st December, 1952	824 0 0
Interest on Redemption—Union Loan	522 10 0	Less Depreciation at 25% p.a.	206 15 8
Certificates	3 10		617 4 4
Other Interests	2,861 0 2	Additions	233 15 8
Less Withdrawals	181 2 3		851 0 0
	2,679 17 11	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS:	
STAFF SAVINGS FUND	1,083 14 3	As at 31st December, 1952	443 0 0
REPAIRS RESERVE FUND	100 0 0	Less Realizations	10 0 0
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:			433 0 0
As at 31st December, 1952	11,069 3 0	Less Depreciation at 7½% p.a.	34 6 8
Add Gift Books	50 0 0		398 13 4
Special Donations	100 0 0	Additions	387 6 8
S. Thompson Bequest	200 0 0		786 0 0
	11,419 3 0	TALKING BODK RECDRDS & SUNDRY	
Less Excess of Expenditure over Revenue brought forward	203 4 0	EQUIPMENT:	
	11,215 19 0	As at 31st December, 1952	1,269 0 0
Less Transfer to Development Fund	340 0 0	Less Depreciation at 33 1/3% p.a.	423 1 10
	10,875 19 0		845 18 2
		Additions	1,126 1 10
			1,972 0 0
		DEVELOPMENT FUND INVESTMENT:	
		South African Permanent Mutual Building and Investment Society—Savings Account	1,340 0 0
		STAFF PROVIDENT FUND INVESTMENTS:	
		Eastern Province Building Society:	
		Fixed Deposits	2,200 0 0
		Grahamstown Building Society:	
		Savings Bank Account	260 3 10
		Cash at Bank	219 14 1
			2,679 17 11
		STAFF SAVINGS FUND INVESTMENTS:	
		Eastern Province Building Society:	
		Fixed Deposit	900 0 0
		Savings Bank Account	183 14 3
			1,083 14 3
		GENERAL INVESTMENTS AND CASH.	
		Paid up Shares:	
		United Building Society	1,600 0 0
		Eastern Province Building Society	300 0 0
		South African Permanent Mutual Building and Investment Society	500 0 0
			2,400 0 0
		Fixed Deposits:	
		Eastern Province Building Society	214 0 0
		Grahamstown Building Society	800 0 0
			1,014 0 0
		CASH AT CALL.	
		Eastern Province Building Society	521 15 9
		Eastern Province Guardian Loan and Investment Company	411 1 9
		Cash at Bank	326 15 3
		Cash on Hand	2 6 3
			1,261 19 0
	£ 10,979 11 2		£ 16,079 11 2

We certify that we have examined the Books and Accounts of the South African Library for the Blind in respect of the year ended on the 31st December, 1953, and have satisfied ourselves as to the existence of the securities; proper books and accounts have been kept, and we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required; in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Library's affairs according to the best of our knowledge and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the library as at the 31st December, 1953.

GRAHAMSTOWN, THIS 8th DAY OF MARCH, 1954.

A. R. WHITELEY & CO.,

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS: AUDITORS

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953

EXPENDITURE			REVENUE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Salaries and Wages			By Donations, Subscriptions and Collections		
.. Fire Insurance			.. Department of Education, Art & Science	1,333	9 7
.. Light, Heat and Water				200	0 0
.. Repairs and Maintenance			.. GRANTS:		
.. Advertising, Paper, Printing & Stationery			Provincial Councils:		
.. Postages and Stamps			Natal	50	0 0
.. Contribution to Braille Magazines			Cape	300	0 0
.. Audit and Accountancy Charges			Orange Free State	35	0 0
.. Sundry Expenses			Transvaal	150	0 0
.. Depreciation:					
Fixed Property at 1% p.a.	27	0 0	Divisional Councils:		
Book and Cases at 25% p.a.	206	15 8	Port Elizabeth	15	0 0
Furniture and Fittings at 7 1/2% p.a.	34	6 8	Albany	10	0 0
Talking Book Records & Equipment			East London	10	0 0
at 33 1/3% p.a.	423	1 10	Municipalities		
			Interest and Dividends		
.. Staff Provident Fund Contribution			Rent Received		
			Balance being excess of Expenditure over		
			Revenue transferred to Capital		
			Account		
				203	4 0
				£ 2,805	8 7

## POSTAL REGULATIONS

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Papers of any kind, periodicals, and books, impressed or to be impressed in "Braille", or other special type for the use of the blind, when posted within the Union for transmission to a place within the Union, are transmissible post free, provided that they—

- (a) do not contain any communication, either in writing or printed in ordinary type, except the title and table of contents of the
  - book or periodical and any key to or instructions for the use of the special type, or any enclosure except a label for the return of the packet;
- (b) bear on the outside the inscription "Literature for the Blind", and the name and address of the sender;
- (c) be posted either without a cover or in a cover open at both ends which can easily be removed for examination of the contents.

The limit of weight is 15lb 6oz., and the maximum dimensions are the same as for letters.

Voice records on discs, styled "Talking Book records", securely packed, are also transmissible free, provided they are despatched from or addressed to certain recognised institutes for the blind (see Post Office Guide).